

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1321–S1352

Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1256–1288, S.J. Res. 25, and S. Res. 170–173.

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Measures Reported:

S. 829, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–13)

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Measures Considered:

Equal Rights Amendment—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 4, removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Appointments:

National Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–263, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy: Ms. Mackenzie Eaglen of Virginia.

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National Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursu-

ant to the provisions of Public Law 117–263, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy: Mr. Mitchell Waldman of Virginia.

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Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”, and that it be in order for Senator Fischer to make a motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 11; and that at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Senate vote on the motion to proceed; that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, Senate immediately vote on passage of the joint resolution; without intervening action or debate, and that the time used related to the joint resolution count against the post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to S. 326.

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Jacobs Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2023; that all cloture time be expired at 12 noon; and that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on

the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder. **Page S1351**

Johnstone Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1322–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S.J. Res 4, removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. **Page S1322**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1322**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2028.

Tobin John Bradley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Betty Y. Jang, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2029.

Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1351–52**

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Additional Statements: **Page S1339**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—95) **Page S1335**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: SAA AND DOORKEEPER, AND USCP

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Karen H. Gibson, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and J. Thomas Manger, Chief, United States Capitol Police.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 2811–2869; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; H. Con. Res. 34–35; and H. Res. 319, 321–326, were introduced. **Pages H1944–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1950–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 675, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a non-geostationary orbit satellite system if the license or

grant of market access would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–41); and

H.R. 1339, to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–42). **Page H1944**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative D'Esposito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1917**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1920**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1921**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1931**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Institute for Telecommunication Sciences Codification Act: H.R. 1343, to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies; **Pages H1924–25**

Demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan: H. Res. 90, amended, demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 193; **Pages H1927–29, H1931–32**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party immediately release Mark Swidan."; and **Page H1932**

Encouraging the expansion and strengthening of the Abraham Accords to urge other nations to normalize relations with Israel and ensure that existing agreements reap tangible security and economic benefits for the citizens of those countries and all peoples in the region:

H. Res. 311, encouraging the expansion and strengthening of the Abraham Accords to urge other nations to normalize relations with Israel and ensure that existing agreements reap tangible security and economic benefits for the citizens of those countries and all peoples in the region, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 401 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 194.

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Permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 321, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H1933**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act: H.R. 1353, amended, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules for the provision of emergency connectivity service; and **Pages H1922–24**

Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act: H.R. 1339, to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture. **Pages H1925–27**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1932 and H1932–33.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

**LIMIT, SAVE, GROW ACT OF 2023;
DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RELATING TO PROCEDURES COVERING
SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION, DUTIES
AND ESTIMATED DUTIES IN ACCORD
WITH PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
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Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023; and H.J. Res. 39, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414". The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2811, the "Limit, Save, and Grow Act of 2023", and H.J. Res. 39, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414". The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2811, the "Limit, Save, and Grow Act of 2023", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective

designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 39, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith of Missouri, Chairman Arrington, Chairman Granger, and Representatives Murphy, Moore of Wisconsin, Beyer, Boyle of Pennsylvania, Fleischmann, and DeLauro.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 and advance appropriations requests for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open and closed hearings to examine on the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine public integrity and anti-corruption laws at the Department of Defense, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine building consensus to address housing challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the health costs of climate change, 10:15 a.m., SD-608/VTC.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1189, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, S. 1194, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, and Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine opportunities to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy on Tunisia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine 10 years since the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on lessons learned, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine the effects of increased migration on communities along the southern border, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine a post-*Dobbs* America, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the SBA's implementation of final rules to expand access to capital, 3:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 280, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 350, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, S. 414, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 498, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing maintaining, improving,

and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 572, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide answers to questions submitted for the record to the Secretary by members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives within 45 business days, S. 656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans education assistance, S. 740, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 774, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a pilot program to hire transitioning servicemembers to be Border Patrol agents, S. 897, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a permanent increase in the number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, S. 1090, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education, an original bill entitled, "Student Veterans Transparency and Protection Act", an original bill entitled, "Love Lives On Act", and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act", 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit, hearing entitled "Producer Perspectives on the 2023 Farm Bill", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Provider Relief Fund and Healthcare Workforce Shortages", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, oversight hearing and budget hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice Grantmaking Components, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in Europe", 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "FY24 National Security Space Programs Hearing", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2024 Army Modernization Programs", 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing enti-

tled "Reducing Health Care Costs for Working Americans and Their Families", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Lowering Unaffordable Costs: Legislative Solutions to Increase Transparency and Competition in Health Care", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "Exposing the Environmental, Human Rights, and National Security Risks of the Biden Administration's Rush to Green Policies", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 835, the "Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act"; H.R. 1579, the "Accredited Investor Definition Review Act"; H.R. 1548, the "Improving Access to Small Business Information Act"; H.R. 2792, the "Small Entity Update Act"; H.R. 2797, the "Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act"; H.R. 2793, the "Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023"; H.R. 2610, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes; H.R. 2608, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes; H.R. 2795, the "Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act"; H.R. 2593, the "Senior Security Act"; legislation on the Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act; H.R. 2796, the "Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act"; H.R. 2799, the "Expanding Access to Capital Act"; H.R. 2798, the "CFPB Transparency and Accountability Reform Act"; and H.R. 1807, the "Improving Disclosure for Investors Act of 2023", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1690, to authorize Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements, and for other purposes; and H.R. 589, to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, 10:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2794, the "Border Reinforcement Act of 2023", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Modernization, hearing entitled "The Path Toward a More Modern and Effective Congressional Research Service", 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on The Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled "The Biden Border Crisis: Exploitation of Unaccompanied Alien Children", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled "Examining the President's FY

2024 Budget Request for the U.S. Forest Service”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2024 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Government Accountability Office’s 2023 High Risk List”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “The Consequences of School Closures, Part 2: The President of the American Federation of Teachers, Ms. Randi Weingarten”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “China in Our Backyard: How Chinese Money Laundering Organizations Enrich the Cartels”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2024”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Exploring How Alternative Paths to Student Debt Can Help to Strengthen Small Business”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee, markup on H.R. 2741, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Hearing on Social Security Fundamentals: A Fact-Based Foundation”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Hearing on Tax-Exempt Hospitals and the Community Benefit Standard”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through April 28, 2023

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 326, VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act (the legislative vehicle for the Veterans legislation package).

At 4 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Con-

trol of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”. If the motion to proceed is agreed to, Senate will immediately vote on passage of the joint resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 26, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 and advance appropriations requests for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 26, to hold open and closed hearings to examine on the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

April 26, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 26, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine public integrity and anti-corruption laws at the Department of Defense, 3 p.m., SR-222.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be followed by a closed session at 12:30 p.m. in SVC-217, 8 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 26, to hold hearings to examine building consensus to address housing challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Credit Reporting Agencies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: April 26, to hold hearings to examine the health costs of climate change, 10:15 a.m., SD-608/VTC.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 26, business meeting to consider S. 1189, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, S. 1194, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States,

and the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, and Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine opportunities to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 26, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 26, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy on Tunisia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

April 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Eric W. Kneeder, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 26, business meeting to consider the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 26, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine 10 years since the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on lessons learned, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 26, Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine the effects of increased migration on communities along the southern border, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 26, to hold hearings to examine a post-*Dobbs* America, 10 a.m., SH-216.

April 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1207, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, S. 1199, to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry, S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, and the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the

First Circuit, Charnelle Bjelkengren, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Amanda K. Brailsford, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, S. Kato Crews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Marian F. Gaston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Molly R. Silfen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Eric G. Olshan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the SBA's implementation of final rules to expand access to capital, 3:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 26, to hold hearings to examine S. 280, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 350, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, S. 414, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 498, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 572, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide answers to questions submitted for the record to the Secretary by members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives within 45 business days, S. 656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans education assistance, S. 740, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 774, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a pilot program to hire transitioning servicemembers to be Border Patrol agents, S. 897, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a permanent increase in the number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, S. 1090, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education, an original bill entitled, "Student Veterans Transparency and Protection Act", an original bill entitled, "Love Lives On Act", and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act", 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 26, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 27, Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Spot Market Regulation”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, 9 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Federal Trade Commission, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Tribal Perspectives on Housing and Transportation”, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”, 12:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “A Review of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise’s posture and capabilities in strategic competition and in synchronizing intelligence efforts to counter the People’s Republic of China”, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 27, Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Addressing America’s Data Privacy Shortfalls: How a National Standard Fills Gaps to Protect Americans’ Personal Information”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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April 27, Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program: FEMA’s Perspective”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 27, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “CISA 2025: The State of American Cybersecurity from CISA’s Perspective”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence”, 2:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 27, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Fixing FISA: How a Law Designed to Protect Americans Has Been Weaponized Against Them”, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 27, Full Committee, markup on the H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”; H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; H.R. 215, the “WATER for California Act”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 1245, the “Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1567, the “ACRES Act”, 9:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration”, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, April 28, Full Committee markup on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing on Accountability and Transparency at the Internal Revenue Service with IRS Commissioner Werfel”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 27, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing entitled “Defense Intelligence Agency

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April 28, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, hearing entitled “People’s Republic of China Counterintelligence Capabilities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 27, to hold hearings to examine church, state, and Russia’s war on Ukraine, 1 p.m., 2020, Rayburn Building.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 326, VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act (the legislative vehicle for the Veterans legislation package).

At 4 p.m., Senate will vote the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards". If the motion to proceed is agreed to, Senate will immediately vote on passage of the joint resolution.

(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2811—Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023.

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